

**Occupy Public Land
99 South Church Ave.
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Tucson Parks and Recreation Department
Office of the Director
900 South Randolph Way
Tucson, Ariz. 85716

**In Re: Request For Special Permit For Use Of
De Anza Park For Camping Purposes**

To the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department:

Pursuant to § 21-3(5) of the Tucson City Code, Occupy Public Land respectfully request the issuance of a Special Permit for use of De Anza Park. Specifically, we request a permit to post camping equipment—i.e. tents—to erect a temporary encampment to protest the outrageous treatment we have received by our government.

We plan for an encampment of 15 tents, to remain 24 hours a day for 30 days, starting December 16th, 2011 and ending January 16th, 2012. The encampment would be located on the northwest corner of the park and the park would remain usable to the general public. No food items would be sold or cooked on site, and no living accommodations would be present. The encampment would be manned 24 hours a day to have representatives available to disseminate information to all who travel the streets¹.

One of the main goals of Occupy Public Land is to make known the plight of the homeless—those less fortunate than us who sometimes

¹ Although the camp will be manned 24 hours, at no time will the camp contain more than 200 persons, see §21-4(b)(1). We refrain from discussing the permit pricing as what we envision is not currently contemplated by the Tucson City Code. See, e.g., T.C.C. § 21-4 *passim*.

have no choice but to lay down under the stars and sleep in a park. No one should have to be homeless, and in this season of giving we want the city to know that we, the 99%, stand in solidarity with those of us who struggle everyday to survive. The 24 hour encampment is the only way to effectively convey this message.

Accordingly, Special Permit is requested under the terms stated above. Please feel free to contact us if any further information is needed to make your decision.

There can only be justice for one, if it is there for all.

Cordially,
Occupy Public Land.